

LAFOLLETTE HURLS DOWN THE GAUNTLET

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Quoted Statement

Senator LaFollette quoted an official statement of the central executive committee of the workers' party of America and a cablegram from the communist international at Moscow, respecting plans for the St. Paul convention which he declared show clearly that they are seeking to use the farmer-labor party of Minnesota and other progressive organizations that have lent their names to this convention as a means of advancing their own ends.

Ballot, Not Force

"I have devoted many years of my life to an effort to solve the problems which confront the American people by the ballot and not by force," wrote the Wisconsin senator. "I believe that the people through the ballot can completely control their government in every branch and compel it to serve them effectively. I have fought steadfastly to achieve this end, and I shall not abandon this fight as long as I may live. I believe, therefore, that all progressives should refuse to participate in any movement which makes common cause with any communist organization."

Senator LaFollette's letter, closed with his declaration respecting the republican and democratic conventions which was acknowledged by his close friends as an announcement of his candidacy should the action and platform of the two major parties fail to accomplish the changes he regards as necessary.

The text of the letter written May 24 at Atlantic City, N. J., where the senator is recuperating from a long illness, follows:

"Hon. Herman L. Ekern,
"Attorney General,
"Madison, Wis.
"My Dear Mr. Ekern:

"I have your letter of May 17th, saying that many of my friends in Wisconsin are anxious to know my attitude toward the 'farmer-labor convention' to meet at St. Paul, June 17. 'I should feel it incumbent upon me to declare my attitude except that my name is being used by the promoters of that convention in such a way as to convey the impression that it has my approval and as a result some of my friends in different parts of the country contemplate attending the St. Paul convention. Because of these facts, I feel it my duty to state my view frankly.

"I have no doubt that very many of those who have participated in bringing about the St. Paul convention have been actuated by the purest desire to promote genuine and political and economic progress.

"Nevertheless, in my judgment, the June 17 convention will not command the support of the farmer, the workman, or other progressives because those who have had charge of the arrangements for this convention have committed the fatal error of making the communists an integral part of their organization.

"The communists have admittedly entered into this political movement, not for the purpose of curing, by means of the ballot the evils which afflict the American people, but only to divide and confuse the progressive movement and create a condition of chaos favorable to their ultimate aims. Their real purpose is to establish by revolutionary action, a dictatorship of

the proletariat, which is absolutely repugnant to democratic ideals and to all American aspirations. The official declarations of the workers' party show clearly that they are seeking to use the farmer-labor party of Minnesota and other progressive organizations that have lent their names to this convention as a means of advancing their own ends.

"This is shown by an official statement of the central executive committee of the workers' party of America as follows:

"The Daily Worker—the official organ of the workers' party, March 21, 1924.

"The policy which we adopt in Minnesota would be a precedent for the whole party in relation to the national farmer-labor party when that organization is finally crystallized. It is therefore important that we adopt the correct communist policy in Minnesota as a guide to our whole party for its work inside of the farmer-labor party throughout the country.

"The workers' party prides itself in being a communist party; that means, that it considers its work to build up and lead the forces which will bring about a proletarian revolution in the United States and establish a soviet form of government and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"Central executive committee,

"C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary."

"Progressives inclined to attend the June 17 convention should also consider the statement published in The Daily Worker of May 15, 1924 by the central executive committee of the workers' party of America over the signatures of William Z. Foster, and C. E. Ruthenberg, executive secretary.

"In order to settle the question of whether the farmer-labor united front was a policy that a communist party such as the workers' party should put into effect and in support of which it should throw all its strength, the central executive committee of the workers' party submitted this question to the communist international (Moscow) with which it is affiliated as a fraternal organization.

"Quoted Cablegram

"The view of the communist international on this question is expressed in the following cablegram:

"Communist international considers June 17 convention momentous importance for workers' party. Urges C. E. C. not to slacken activities preparation June 17. Utilize every available force to make St. Paul convention great representative gathering labor and left wing.

"Executive committee,

"Communist international."

"The communist organization in America thus acting under orders from the communist international at Moscow, will not only participate in the St. Paul convention on June 17 but has already secured a strategic position in the direction of that convention. C. A. Hathaway, the secretary-treasurer of the committee of the arrangements for the St. Paul convention is an avowed communist and was a delegate to its third national convention, held in Chicago December 28, 1923. All credentials for the St. Paul convention are made returnable to Hathaway as secretary and treasurer he controls the funds, Joseph Monti, son-in-law of William Z. Foster, and an avowed communist is also a member of the committee on arrangements.

"Although the national communist organization as such may be granted

only five delegates in the St. Paul convention the basis of representation adopted is lending itself to their purpose to control. Reliable information shows that a very large number of communist delegates will be present at St. Paul with duly authorized credentials.

"Reposing complete confidence in the soundness of the deliberate judgment of the American people, I have no apprehension that the communist party can ever command any considerable support in this country. I do not question their right under the constitution to submit their issues to the people, but I most emphatically protest against their being admitted into the councils of any body of progressive voters. The communists stand for the substitution of the soviet form of government for the one we now have and propose to accomplish this change through a revolution, with a class dictatorship as their ultimate aim instead of a democracy.

To pretend that the communists can work with the progressives who believe in democracy is deliberately to deceive the public. The communists are antagonistic to the progressive cause and their only purpose in joining such a movement is to disrupt it.

Enemies of Progress

"Not only are the communists the moral enemies of the progressive movement and democratic ideals, but, under the cloak of such extremists, the reactionary interests find the best opportunity to plant their spies and provocative agents for the purpose of confusing and destroying true progressive movements.

"I have devoted many years of my life to an effort to solve the problems which confront the American people by the ballot and not by force. I believe that the people through the ballot can completely control their government in every branch and compel it to serve them effectively. I have fought steadfastly to achieve this end, and I shall not abandon this fight as long as I may live. I believe, therefore, that all progressives should refuse to participate in any movement which makes common cause with any communist organization.

Private Monopoly

"There is no doubt that the people have come to understand that private monopoly controls the official machinery of both the democratic and republican parties. Recent public scandals, such as the war frauds, the shipping board, Teapot Dome, and other oil leases, the Veterans' Bureau, the alien property custodian, the denigration of the department of justice under both democratic and republican administrations, and the prohibition enforcement, are but evidences of such control of party machinery by lawless and predatory interests.

"The approaching democratic and republican conventions will demonstrate to the people whether either of those parties can and will purge itself of the evil influences which have long dominated them. This cannot be accomplished by merely nominating some alleged progressive and filling the platform with misleading promises. It demands the elimination of monopoly control, the down fall of the corrupt political bosses, the adoption of truly progressive principles, and the readiness of the great campaign contributors who have in the past bought up both parties.

"If this is not done, a long suffering and righteously indignant people will find in the coming campaign effective means, independent of both

these old parties, to take back control of their government and make it truly representative.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

"ROBERT M. LAFOLLETTE"

Make No Comment

St. Paul, Minn., May 28.—Persons here prominent in the preparations for a National Farmer-Labor-Progressive convention in St. Paul, June 17, would make no prediction today as to the probable effect of Senator LaFollette's statement on the activities of the convention.

"What the action of the convention will be with reference to Senator LaFollette's statement is a matter for the convention itself to determine, in my opinion," one member of the local committee said. "No one man or small group can say what the convention probably will do."

This same man only a few days ago said that in discussions preliminary to the convention he had heard LaFollette's name only as the probable selection of the convention for the third party presidential nomination. He would make no suggestion as to a likely substitute today.

Plans for the convention have been completed except for such details as must await the arrival of the vanguard of leaders. Thirty-one states, the local committee declares, have signified their intention to send delegates and "four or five thousand delegates are expected."

The voting strength of the convention will be 977. The tentative program indicates it probably will run three or four days. William Mahoney, St. Paul labor leader, is expected to be the temporary chairman.

Organizations that have indicated their intention to send delegates, according to the local committee, "include farmer-labor and progressive organizations of the 21 states besides various labor, farmer and co-operative organizations from the various states."

MAIRQUARD UNCHANGED.

Cincinnati, May 28.—The condition of Pitcher Rube Marquard of the Boston Nationals was reported as unchanged today at the hospital here where he was operated on for appendicitis. His physician last night said he was much improved.

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Prominent People Are Included On

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New York, May 28.—The executive committee of the Walter Hines Page school of international relations, to be established at Johns Hopkins university today announced the names of the trustees of the proposed \$1,000,000 fund to be raised for the maintenance of the school. The board includes:

Julius H. Barnes, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce; John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain; Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Edward Bok, Henry Morgenthau, U. S. Senator Carter Glass, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown university; William Allen White, Kansas publisher; Dr. Charles F. Tawney, formerly president of Western Reserve university, and H. L. Corbett, of Portland, Ore.

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